

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel tank comprising:  
an exterior shell formed by at least two tank portions assembled together, and  
made of molded plastics material, one of said tank portions comprising a compartment, the  
compartment being one-piece with the one of said tank portions,  
~~a compartment integrally molded with a bottom wall of one of said portions,~~  
and  
a fuel pump located entirely within the shell and fixed into the compartment.
2. (Original) A tank according to claim 1, wherein the shell of the tank has no  
through orifice suitable for enabling a fitting to be inserted into the inside of the tank.
3. (Original) A tank according to claim 1, in which the fuel pump has a body,  
wherein the shell of the tank has no through orifice of section greater than the section of the  
fuel pump body.
4. (Original) A tank according to claim 1, wherein the fuel tank has no through  
orifice in register with the fuel pump.
5. (Original) A tank according to claim 1, including at least one fitting such as a  
fuel gauge fixed to the inside surface of the tank and separate from said fuel pump.
6. (Previously Presented) A tank according to claim 1, wherein the compartment  
is placed at a low point of the tank, wherein one of the tank portions includes a filler tube  
having an end through which the fuel leaves positioned in such a manner that, during filling,  
the fuel drops in the compartment.
7. (Cancelled)
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9. (Previously Presented) A tank according to claim 1, including support means for supporting the pump and to avoid transmitting vibration from the pump to the tank.

10. (Previously Presented) A tank according to claim 1, comprising a central portion configured to receive the pump, and fins attached to the central portion and configured to be fixed to a wall of said compartment.

11. (Original) A tank according to claim 1, wherein the two tank portions are made by injection molding a thermoplastic material.

12. (Previously Presented) A tank according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the tank portions has fixing means for enabling a fitting to be fixed inside the tank, said fixing means being integrally molded out of the same material as said at least one tank portion.

13. (Previously Presented) A tank according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the tank portions comprises at least one wall projecting into the inside of the tank for enabling a fitting to be fixed inside the tank, said at least one wall being integrally molded out of the same material as said at least one tank portion.

14. (Original) A tank according to claim 13, wherein the wall has at least one recess suitable for receiving a fixing member of the fitting.

15. (Original) A tank according to claim 13, wherein said wall has at least one tooth for snap-fastening in a recess of the fitting.

16. (Previously Presented) A tank according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the tank portions includes a housing enabling a fitting to be fixed on the tank from outside the tank, said housing being defined by a wall integrally molded with the at least one tank portion.

17. (Original) A tank according to claim 16, wherein said fitting is a fuel filter.

18. (Original) A tank according to claim 16, wherein said fitting is a canister.

19. (Previously Presented) A tank according to claim 1, wherein one of the tank portions substantially forms a bottom half while the other substantially forms a top half.

20. (Previously Presented) A tank according to claim 1, wherein a bottom portion of the tank includes a housing defined by a wall integrally molded out of the same material as said bottom portion, and configured for receiving a fuel filter.

21. (Previously Presented) A tank according to claim 1, wherein a top portion of the tank includes a housing defined by a wall integrally molded out of the same material as said top portion, for receiving a canister.

22. (Previously Presented) A tank according to claim 1, wherein an inside surface of the tank includes substantially vertical ribs.

23. (Original) A tank according to claim 22, wherein at least one rib has a passage passing through its base to allow fuel to flow therethrough.

24. (Previously Presented) A tank according to claim 1, including a fuel gauge fixed to an inside surface of the tank.

25. (Previously Presented) A tank according to claim 1, including a pressure regulator fixed to the inside surface of the tank close to a low point.

26. (Previously Presented) A tank according to claim 1, wherein the tank portions are assembled together by at least one of adhesive or by heat-sealing.

27. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a fuel tank, the method comprising the following steps:

a) making at least two tank portions out of plastics material by molding, one of said tank portions comprising a compartment, the compartment being one-piece with the one of said tank portions;

b) fixing a fuel pump ~~to the inside surface of one of the tank portions~~ into the compartment; and

c) assembling the tank portions together in order to form an exterior shell, said pump being located entirely within the shell.

28. (Original) A method according to claim 27, wherein the two tank portions are made by injection molding a thermoplastic material.

29. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 27, wherein one of the tank portions forms a bottom portion of the tank, and wherein the following are fixed to the inside surface of said bottom portion:

the fuel pump;  
a pressure regulator; and  
a fuel gauge.

30. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 27, wherein one of the tank portions forms a top portion of the tank, and wherein the following are fixed to the inside surface of said top portion:

a check valve;  
a filler tube; and  
a degassing duct.

31. (Original) A fuel tank comprising a shell formed by assembling together at least two tank portions made by molding a plastics material and, when assembled together, defining the inside surface of the tank, said tank including a compartment placed at a low point of the tank and one of said tank portions includes a filler tube whose end through which the fuel leaves is positioned in such a manner that, during filling, the fuel falls into the compartment.